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SUBJECT: CROAT COMMANDER SURRENDERS SELF TO FACE WAR CRIMES
CHARGES

On August 3 war crimes suspect Zdravko Mihaljevic (aka
"Pijuk") voluntarily surrendered to the BiH State
Prosecutor's Office. He is suspected of committing murder,
rape, looting and arson in Kiseljak and Kresevo (central
Bosnia), while he was commander of the HVO (Croat Council of
Defense) special unit "Maturice" during the 1992-95 conflict.
The BiH State Court will review the case August 4, and will
likely rule to hold Mihaljevic in custody. Mihaljevic's
lawyer Dusko Tomic confirmed there was an outstanding
INTERPOL warrant for Mihaljevic's arrest, but claimed his
client, who has been living in Croatia, was unaware of it
until recently. Mihaljevic can be held up to two years while
the case is under investigation.
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